GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4359
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RELOCATION OF SLUM CLUSTERS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has struck downthe Government policy of relocating slum-clusters including juggi jhonpri dwellers whereby alternative plots are provided to slum-dwellers before these illegal squatters on public land are removed as such a policy is without any social criteria, is illegal and arbitrary;

(b) if so, the number of slum dwellers and encroachers on Government land also have since been provided the alternate plots;

(c) whether the responsibility for lapse on the part of officials has been fixed; and

(d) if so, the details of such cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Slum & JJ Wing of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has informed that Hon`ble Delhi High Court in CWP No.4441/94 - OkhlaFactory Owners Association Vs. GNCTD& Others has passed directions regarding relocation of jhuggi dwellers. However, the Court`s orders have not been received so far.

(b): The Slum & JJ Department of MCD has informed that under the scheme it has so far relocated 47,363 slum/jhuggi families till October,2002. DDA has also relocated 18,494 slum/jhuggi families during the last 3 years.

(c)&(d): No, Sir.